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SUBJECT: SAN JOSE CONFERENCE - RIO TREATY AREA OF
- COVERAGE

REF: A) SAN JOSE 2929 B) KOZAK/GANTZ TELECON 7/17/75

FOR USDEL

1. FOR VARIOUS REASONS, U.S. UNABLE TO ACCEPT USE OF
141 DEGREES WEST LONGITUDE FOR PURPOSES OF DEFINING A
TURNING POINT FOR TREATY AREA IN ARCTIC. MERIDIAN OF
141 WEST IS CONTINUATION OF U.S.-CANADIAN LAND FRONTIER,
AND IS SHOWN ON CANADIAN MAPS WITH SYMBOL USED FOR INTER-
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NATIONAL BOUNDARY FROM TERMINATION OF LAND FRONTIER TO
NORTH POLE. CANADIANS HAVE CLAIMED ALL CONTINENTAL
SHELF RESOURCES TO EAST OF THIS MERIDIAN. THEY ARE
LIKELY TO USE THIS SECTOR LINE AS BASIS FOR THEIR

POSITION IN FORTHCOMING CONTINENTAL SHELF BOUNDARY
NEGOTIATIONS WITH U.S. USE OF 141 WEST AS STARTING
POINT FOR TREATY AREA ON MAP 1 COULD STRENGTHEN THIS
CANADIAN POSITION, TO DETRIMENT OF POSSIBLE U.S. NEGOTIATING
OPTIONS IN CONTINENTAL SHELF BOUNDARY NEGOTIATIONS.

2. CONCERNING POINTS RAISED REF. B, WE ASSUME ARGENTINES
ARE CONCERNED THAT AREA OF TREATY COVERAGE DOES NOT
ENCOMPASS ENTIRE 200-MILE LIMIT AROUND SANDWICH ISLANDS.
ISLANDS THEMSELVES ARE WITHIN TREATY AREA. DEPT.
CANNOT AGREE TO ALTERATION OF EASTERN BOUNDARY TO ENCOM-
PASS 200-MILE ZONE SURROUNDING SANDWICH ISLANDS. U.S.
DOES NOT RECOGNIZE EXISTING ARGENTINE 200-MILE CLAIM,
AND STATUS OF ECONOMIC ZONES OF ISLANDS UNDER LAW OF
SEA NEGOTIATIONS NOT YET RESOLVED. MODIFICATION OF
EASTERN BOUNDARY COULD PREJUDICE U.S. POSITION,
BOTH ON PRESENT ARGENTINE 200-MILE CLAIM, AND ON POSSIBLE
FUTURE ECONOMIC ZONE REGIME FOR ISLANDS. KISSINGER
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